


REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,529,315 ("Borrino et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,528,168 ("Matsumoto et al."). Claims 5 to 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Borrino et al., Matsumoto et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,834,387 ("Divakar"). Claims 1 to 8 have been canceled thus rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

With the cancellation of claims 1 to 8, claims 9 to 16 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims have already been allowed. Therefore, an expeditious issuance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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